

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE

September 20, 2002

H.R. 4558 An act to extend the Irish Peace Process Cultural and Training Program

As cleared by the Congress on September 18, 2002

The Irish Peace Process Cultural and Training Program Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-319) provides nonimmigrant visas for young adults from certain areas of Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. Those individuals work or study in the United States for up to three years. This program is currently scheduled to terminate on October 1, 2005. H.R. 4558 would extend it until October 1, 2006.

Since the program's inception, there have been about 250 participants each year. Thus, CBO estimates that any effects on fees collected by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) or the State Department as a result of extending the program would be insignificant. INS fees are classified as offsetting receipts (a credit against direct spending), and the State Department fees are classified as governmental receipts (i.e., revenues).

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